

Planning and Development Committee,

I strongly urge the committee to support these three Bills (SB 43, 90, 5254). I also urge the committee to adopt the following change: to specifically include "bicycling" and "mountain biking" in the enumerated definition of "Recreational purpose." Bicycling and mountain biking are common recreational pursuits on municipal properties and there is no reason to exclude them from being specified in the Bills.

I count on the use of trails on municipal properties for my biking and mountain biking and I believe the recreational use liability protections to municipalities should be restored. The possible closing of such lands for any reason would drastically curtail my ability to participate in the recreational activities of my choice. I am a taxpaying citizen of the State of CT and am also a contributing member of NEMBA, which advocates trail stewardship and responsible riding.

Please support these three bills! Thank you.

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